

Families First in Numbers

Updated with Information from December 2004

Current number of Assistance Groups: 73,236

Current number of adults: 56,316

Current number of children: 138,286

Assistance Groups prior to Families First (August, 1996): 91,499

Current number of child only cases: 18,331

Closures in December:

total closures: 4103

closures for 18 month time limits: 191

closures for sanctions: 810

work-related sanctions: 763

other sanctions: 47

closures for employment: 1112

Time limit closures since Families First started: 10,432

Current number of Assistance Groups with a working adult: 11,113

Average monthly wage of employed participants: \$665.25

Average monthly cash benefit for participating families: \$168.53

Re-entry rate of Families First participants: 32.8% of cases which close re-enter the program (after an absence of more than two months) at some point during the next 55 months.

The number of families served by the program between 1996 and now exceeds 250,000.